[25th November 1955

* 2864 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 26th April 1954, from a Director of the Coimbatore District Central Co-operative Bank, Limited, regarding certain alleged irregularities in the working of the said bank; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry was made in the matter and the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) A petition, dated 25th April 1955, was received from one of the Directors of the bank.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Kisan trouble in Tiruchirappalli district.

9-30 a.m. * 2865 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued orders to the Police department not to interfere with kisan troubles;

(*b*) if so, when and under what circumstances;

(*c*) the authorities empowered to deal with and settle such cases in the district;

(*d*) whether any representations were received from the land-holders in the Tiruchirappalli district, complaining against the district authorities for not taking action against the trespassers into the cultivated lands and illegally harvesting the crops; and

(*e*) whether any reports have been received from the Collector of Tiruchirappalli in the matter, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The Revenue authorities of the districts, where there is no tenancy legislation, are generally expected to settle agrarian disputes by using their good offices.

(*d*) & (*e*) As the question is dated 11th July 1955 it is presumed that the hon. Member refers to what took place before that date. In the month of April last, some land-owners of Pallapalayam village, Karur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, represented that the President and Secretary of the Pallapalaym Dravida Agricultural Labour Association were instigating the labourers of the locality to commit illegal acts and thereby to cause breach of peace and that as a result the labourers refused to pay waram to the mirasdars and continued to be in unlawful possession of the lands of the mirasdars. The matter was enquired into and the Collector reported that the dispute between the mirasdars and the labourers had been amicably settled. In May 1955 one Sri Ramamoorthy, a land-owner of Mahadanapuram village represented to the Collector that forcible harvesting and carrying away of

paddy without the consent of the landowners was going on and prayed for protection. The matter was enquired into. It was reported that there was perfect peace and tranquillity in the village and that the dispute regarding harvesting had been amicably settled.

MR. SPEAKER: With the permission of the House, the question time will be extended by ten minutes.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Sir, have the Government declared anywhere or at any time, that all Kisan troubles are of civil nature and Police should not interfere or have the Government issued secret and confidential communications to the police authorities to that effect?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Sir, the Police interfere only when the civil nature gets into disorderly nature. (Laughter.)

Dismissal for misappropriation by an Assistant Electrical Engineer

* 2866 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the services of any Assistant Engineer in the Electricity department were terminated in 1951–52 for misappropriation of Government funds; and

(*b*) if so the amount that was misappropriated and the steps taken to recover it?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Harijans as Trustees of Hindu temples.

* 2867 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 25th February 1955 to a supplementary question to question No. 901 (starred), the number of Harijans that have been appointed as trustees to Hindu temples in this State so far, after the Government passed orders to include Harijans also as members of the Board of Trustees of Hindu Temples?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: The total number of Harijans so far appointed as trustees of the various temples in the State is 86. Out of them, 55 have been appointed trustees since the issue of orders by the Government in September 1954 reiterating that, wherever possible, the claims of Harijans for appointment as trustees should be considered and also preferred.